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25X1 [] 1. At about 8:30 a.m. on 4 November 1953, a train of an undetermined number of flat-cars with about 45 armored personnel carriers, 3 tank trucks and several motor vehicles [] and one boxcar was unloaded at the Oranienburg railroad station. 1

25X1 2. On 27 October, the Weisse Stadt Settlement in Oranienburg was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. Some of the officers observed wore blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 27 October, about 8 trucks were cleaned by 10 soldiers in front of the garages in the western section of the billeting area. About 15 soldiers reestablished a fuel dump and unloaded gasoline drums [] in the southwestern corner of the installation. No other activity was noticed. Troops prepared their quarters. Buildings Nos 1, 2, 3, 16 and 17 were still occupied by German construction workers. Motor vehicles [] entered the installation. 2

25X1 3. On 22 October, the Sachsenhausen concentration camp was occupied by about 800 to 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. On 22 October, about 100 soldiers engaged in physical exercises near building No 151 and tank truck [] was parked at the entrance south of building No 150. 3 25X1

[] 4. On 23 October, the restricted Weisse Stadt Settlement was occupied by about 3,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and about 250 to 300 air force soldiers. Between 11 and 23 October, troops were seen cleaning 37-mm AA guns. No training activity was noticed. About 20 heavy machine guns were seen in the billeting area on one day during the period of observation. Motor vehicles seen in traffic to and from the installation [] 25X1

[] 5. Between 19 and 30 October [] all units in the restricted Weisse Stadt were commanded by one Colonel Momut (fnu). 25X1

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6. On 30 October, building No 8 was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with topographic service insignia. One Lieutenant Colonel Kuleshev (fnu) was supply officer of the unit. No training activity was noticed in the billeting area of this unit. [redacted] On

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30 October, building No 14 quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Troops there received radio training. On 26 October, 30 to 40 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets left building No 17. On 23 October, several trucks [redacted] towing AAA guns and each occupied by about 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia moved out of the restricted area. Motor vehicles seen in traffic to and from the installation [redacted]

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7. On 28 October, building No 7 in the restricted Weisse Stadt Settlement quartered about 600 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets with construction-engineer insignia. Six 3-axle special trucks, each with a pontoon, were seen in garage No 29. About 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen leaving the installation on 28 October. On the same day, building No 11 was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The unit was commanded by one Lieutenant Colonel Antipov (fnu). Seven T-34 tanks [redacted] were seen in garage No 30. The pertaining crews were stationed in building No 9 under the command of supply officer Major Sherback (fnu). Rocket launchers of 132 mm were parked in and outside of garage No 31. Some of these guns had been unloaded at the Oranienburg railroad station at about 4 p.m. on 27 October, together with 5 BA-64 armored scout cars. The whereabouts of the scout cars could not be determined. On 28 October, building No 14 was occupied by a motorcycle unit of supply officer Shuravkov (fnu). The unit was equipped with 120 to 130 motorcycles which were parked in garages Nos 30 and 31. Building No 15 served as officers' billets and administrative office of the unit. [redacted]

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[redacted] On 23 October, trucks [redacted] each occupied by about 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and each towing a canvas-covered AA gun were parked in front of garage No 35. On 22 October, 1 general, 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant colonel and Lieutenant Colonel Aleksuk (fnu) of the KEZ Eberswalde arrived in the restricted area [redacted] for an inspection. Officers who arrived at the construction headquarters Oranienburg included Lieutenant Colonel Shuravkov (fnu) [redacted] Lieutenant Colonel Antipov (fnu) and Sub-Lieutenant Bogdanov (fnu) [redacted] and supply officer Major Burakov (fnu) [redacted]

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8. Between 10 and 19 October, [redacted] Colonel Momut (phonetic spelling) (fnu), who wore artillery insignia, was commanding supply officer of the army units in the restricted area. On 19 October, building No 13 was partially occupied. On 13 October, an undetermined number of 76-mm AA guns and 8 AA guns were parked in garage No 35. ²

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9. On 27 October, building No 150 in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp was more heavily occupied than was observed previously. At about 6 p.m. on 22 October, 6 trucks, each occupied by about 25 soldiers moved into the billeting area. ¹ At about 8:30 a.m. on 26 October, 20 to 22 new, [redacted] BA-64 armored scout cars were unloaded at the Oranienburg freight station. They were driven to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. ¹ At about 3 p.m. on 27 October, 8 x 132-mm rocket launchers were unloaded at the Oranienburg freight station and subsequently driven to the Weisse Stadt. ² Between 18 and 27 October, about 12 driving school trucks were daily seen at practice in the area near the cemetery; about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen at training with tank dummies; and several trucks, each occupied by about 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen moving out of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, heading toward the target range near the Klinkerwerk. ³

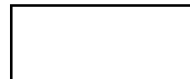
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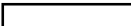



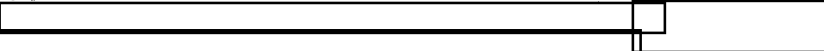
10. At about 5:30 p.m. on 20 October, a column of 17 trucks  each occupied by about 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing a 76-mm AT gun was seen near the Schlossbrücke (bridge) in Oranienburg, moving toward the Weisse Stadt restricted area. ²

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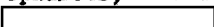

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12. The restricted Weisse Stadt Settlement was occupied on 3 November. Buildings Nos 1, # through 11, 12, 15, 16 and 17 were about 50 percent lighted and buildings Nos 2 or 3, and 13 were dark. On 31 October and 2 November, 8 canvas-covered guns, apparently AA guns, and several trucks were parked in front of building No 35. On 2 November, trucks  were seen entering the restricted Weisse Stadt from the direction of the castle. At about 5 p.m. on 3 November, truck  moved out of the restricted area and headed toward Behnitz. ²

13. At about 4 p.m. on 19 October, a shipment of 13 personnel carriers on flatcars was en route from Oranienburg toward Sachsenhausen, in a northerly direction. At about 11 p.m. on 22 October, the noise of tanks was heard from the Oranienburg freight station. Between 3 and 9 p.m. on 23 October, the noise of tank chains, and tank and truck engines was heard from the Oranienburg freight station. No details could be obtained because of the thick fog. Imprints of tank tracks led to the approach road to the freight station. A loading had probably  taken place. On 18 October, a column of several personnel carriers, jeeps and trucks moved along Bernauer Allee in an easterly direction. On 20 October, a column of 25 motor vehicles moved along the Oranienburg-Sachsenhausen road toward north. 

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14. The following shipments passed through Oranienburg between 27 October and 5 November:
- at 1:45 p.m. on 27 October. 6 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, coming from the direction of Velten and proceeding toward Fuerstenberg/Havel.
- 28 October. 12 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets coming from the direction of Eberswalde and proceeding toward Satzhorn.
- At about 6 p.m. on 28 October. 12 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, coming from the direction of Eberswalde and proceeding toward Dallgow-Doberitz.
- At 2:35 p.m. on 3 November. 8 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, coming from the direction of Neustrelitz and proceeding toward Dallgow-Doberitz.
- At about 12:15 p.m. on 5 November. 8 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, proceeding toward Fuerstenberg/Havel. ⁵
- At 1:30 p.m. on 5 November. 7 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 closed boxcars, 17 flatcars with sideracks carrying 12 trucks with  8 AA guns and 2 searchlights which were covered with tarpaulins, coming from the direction of Loewenberg and proceeding toward Wustermark. 

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1.  Comment. Probably, shipments from the USSR as they were previously reported.



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2. Comment. Compared with reports of mid-October, the Weisse Stadt is occupied as observed previously. According to the present information, the following units of the 25th Tank Div were confirmed in the Weisse Stadt:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Date of Confirmation</u>
53d Mtrcl Bn	No 9 or 14(?) and garages No 30 and 31	28 October 1953
U/2 signal battalion	No 14 (?)	30 October 1953
194th Engr Bn	No 7 and garage No 29	28 October 1953
219th (?) AAA Regt	garage No 35	23 October 1953
16th (?) Gds RL Regt	No 11 and garage No 31	28 October 1953

It is possible that the battalion was allotted new rocket launchers from the USSR on 27 October. The topographic unit of the GCPG, which is known from previous reports, can also be confirmed in the Weisse Stadt. It is located in building No 8. The numbered buildings are keyed to a sketch forwarded previously. Of the officers mentioned, Colonel Momut (fnu), Lieutenant Colonel Aleksuk (fnu) and Major Burakov (fnu) are reported for the first time. Lieutenant Shuravkov (fnu) and Major Sherback (fnu) as belonging to the topographic unit.

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3. Comment. Compared with the last report, no changes occurred regarding the occupation of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp.

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5. Comment. Probably, personnel exchange movements.

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6. Comment. The shipment went from Fuerstenberg to Velter, probably with units of the 31st AAA Div.

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